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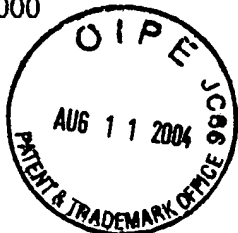
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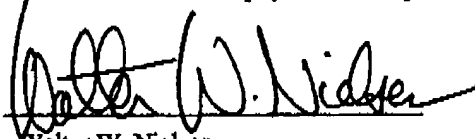


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- ☒ A return postcard.
- ☒ An Amendment and Response (15 Pages).
- ☒ Corrected Formal Drawings (37 pgs.).
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This responds to the Office Action mailed on May 7, 2004. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Formal drawings are enclosed herewith. Please substitute these for the informal drawings in the file.

As described in greater detail below, the formal drawings include new FIGS. 20A-K, which incorporate previous Tables 1-11 from Appendix A. The formal drawings also include new FIGS. 21A-O, which incorporate previous Algorithms 1-15 from Appendix B.